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SOME SPRING COSTUMES.

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IN our suggestions for spring costumes, we show a design for a child of six, one for a girl between twelve and fourteen years, and one for a young girl of fifteen. For the costume of the latter, fawn-colored camel's-hair is an excellent material. The yoke and the trimming upon the sleeves are of velvet, a trifle darker in shade, but of the same color as the gown. The velvet can be embroidered with slender gold threads in delicate arabesques. The back of the gown is in one piece, extending from the neck to the lowest hem of the skirt, in polonaise form. The hat is of tan-colored straw, faced with the same velvet as that in the yoke, omitting, of course, the embroidery. The crown of the hat is surmounted by small, white flowers, with a hint of green leaves threaded through them.

For the girl of twelve years, it is suggested that in the main part of the dress gobelin blue India silk be used; with, perhaps, a small figure in a deeper shade of the blue, or in black. The broad, crinkled belt is of blue velvet; and

the little jacket, which finishes at the back in a straight, close line at the waist, is of the same material. The short, cap-like sleeves are of velvet, laced with a blue cord. A similar cord edges the jacket. The frill collar around the neck is of the finely pleated India silk.

The under-sleeves are made of the same silk, "accordion pleated," and finished with a pleated frill. The full skirt is gathered at the waist-line, and again at the neck between the two jacket-fronts. The hem of the skirt is trimmed with four or five rows of narrow ribbon velvet, of the same shade as the velvet used in the belt and the short sleeves.

For the child's costume, dark green-and-blue wool plaid may be used for the skirt and for the crown of the Scotch cap. The little jacket of black velvet is trimmed with frogs of black silk cord, and plain silk cord edging the jacket and collar. Around the crown of the cap is a roll of the velvet, finished with a silver ornament fastening the two square-tipped black feathers.

